

# MANY LAYMEN DOUBTFUL ABOUT REVIVAL PLAN

Ministers Interested in the Project Consider Some Pointed Questions.

SOME SAY CLERGY ARE TOO JEALOUS

Dr. Welch Declares Church Must Prepare to Meet Independent Religious Movement.

More ministers are taking interest in the proposed city-wide Protestant revival every day, but some of the laymen are "from Missouri." In letters written to their pastors and in conversation among themselves laymen have shown that they are following the policy of "watchful waiting."

Members of the steering committee admitted yesterday that their informal organization had been a sort of clearing house for criticisms against the New York clergy. Instead of smothering complaints with revival boom-talk, the committee decided to face them and answer them through its chairman, the Rev. Charles Whitefield Welch.

Here are some of the criticisms:

A religious revival in this city is impossible because of the jealousies with which too many of the ministers are full.

Ministers Criticized.

Too many ministers are afraid that they will not get their share of credit for the campaign.

Too many ministers haven't the vision to see not alone beyond possibilities of their own denomination, but even beyond those of their own individual parishes.

How can there be a revival when formalism, the coldness of the church, the insipidity of the message from ministers are lazier. Many of them

think more about putting greens on the golf course and how to get up an attractive foursome than they do about a match with the devil as to who should win souls.

Too many ministers are contented to make a good showing in their reports at the end of the church year.

When this bill of particulars was laid before the Rev. Mr. Welch in his study at 1010 Park Avenue, he was asked for an opinion whether he believed in the ultimate co-operation of practically all ministers in a city-wide revival. He replied:

"Any minister who lives where the breeze blows on him knows what criticism against the church in these days is. It would be pathetic if the ministry of New York did not sense the feeling of the masses; that the church, in too many instances, is a stiff and stiller to the little confidence of the common people, too interested in forms and formulas to answer the heart-hunger of ordinary humanity."

Clergy Must Make Effort.

"There is a tremendous religious impulse outside the church. Various agencies declare that there is little in the church akin to magnetism for them, that the church is not attractive or instructive to their religious aspirations. These criticisms doubtless sting and may be calculated to offend us. They may seem unjust and insane. But are they? Of course, as individuals, we ministers feel a sympathy for our fellow-men, and we are determined not to permit machinery of the church to choke out our capacities for broader vision."

"The only way for us to answer them is to put a tremendously unified effort into open and free-hearted evangelism until it will be impossible for the most prejudiced critic of the ministry to continue his attitude of skepticism to our ability to win this city for Christ and His church. We, the clergy, and church officials must, of necessity, come in closer contact with life."

"We have tried long enough to take this city by politeness and malice, advertising to precedent and singing about ourselves. We must bring this revival to pass as it was done when the record of its doing in Matthew, xi, 12, said: 'And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and men of violence take it by force.'"

Through Miss Cora L. Tatham, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, the following letter was sent yesterday to secretaries in all the branches in New York:

"You, no doubt, are aware that some steps are being taken to bring the ministers and other religious workers together to form plans for some kind of united effort that will lead to a



BILLY SUNDAY AS "THE MODERN ST. ANTHONY." From a painting by George Bellows, in the American Salon of Humors, at the Folsom Galleries.

religious awakening in New York City. The Rev. Charles W. Welch, pastor of the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church and leader of the movement, has requested me to notify our secretaries of a meeting to be held at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, April 19, at 4 o'clock.

"I regret that owing to an important committee meeting it will be impossible for me to be present, but I am hoping that a number of our secretaries can go. We certainly do want to respond to the invitation to have a part in this work at the very beginning. I would suggest that if you cannot arrange to attend you send a substitute so that each branch may have full opportunity to be thoroughly informed."

General Secretary Henry M. Orne has sent a similar appeal to the employed force of the New York City Young Men's Christian Association.

## SUNDAY CALLS FOR MORE SPEED

Trail Hitters and Collections Not Coming Fast Enough, He Tells Paterson.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.] Paterson, N. J., April 16.—Results thus far in Billy Sunday's campaign have not satisfied him by any means. Although 930 converts have hit the trail and \$11,153.13 has been collected in the period of eleven days Sunday gave several members of his Paterson staff a stiff talking to after the night meeting.

"There should have been 500 converts instead of the 129 we had to-night," he said. "The current expenses are outlandishly big. Philadelphia had the largest current expenses, Pittsburgh was next and Paterson third, ahead of Scranton and other places."

The talk was with the ushers, personal workers, some of the ministers and some of the members of the choir. Sunday announced just after the trail hitters stopped coming up the sawdust path he wanted to see these people.

"If you think that I am going to wear my life out here for a lot of dead ones you're mistaken," he told them. "Nearly every large city in the country has called me, except New York, and I haven't got a real call from there yet."

He laughed, after he had administered this verbal castigation, to smooth the fur of his hearers a bit. "You brought me to Paterson. We want to do things here, and you'll have to do them my way. I want to make this campaign a great religious social." He turned to the choir. "The Tabernacle was not built entirely for a musical festival."

"Get the people up here. We want more converts. You ministers must not stay up there on the platform after the call for converts has been made. You must go down in the crowds and get the people started."

The last shot to the preachers was a hot threat. "If you refuse to come out and work then I am through," he said. "There's no reason why we can't get 3,000 or 4,000 as easily as 300 or 400 converts."

Sunday's disappointment that the 407 converts of last night shrank to 199 to-night was evidenced even on the platform. He had worked to his call with such strong effect that the audience burst into applause. Immediately he asked as usual.

After the converts were on the benches he prayed, and even his prayer showed his chagrin. "Isn't it force, Lord, that men and women should go out of here to-night shamefaced and say, 'I didn't have the grit to do it.' Isn't it force, Lord? Isn't it force?"

The evangelist is apparently not overjoyed about the anarchist meeting Dr. Ben Reitman has announced for Emma Goldman on Monday night in Turn Hall.

"What do I care? What do I care?" said Sunday, when he was told about it. Reitman came here to-day and said he had conferred with Frank Whitmer, chairman of a Jewish committee of anarchists, and Frank Pailo, chairman of an Italian group and also editor of "L'Era Nuova."

"The I. W. W. got cold feet. We are sick and tired of waiting for them to start something," said Reitman. "We will take the thing into our own hands. It don't matter how much Sunday preaches. Getting you into the arms of Jesus don't put food in your stomach."

Reitman went to the Tabernacle this afternoon and asked Dr. Edward H. Emmet if he could have a talk with Sunday.

"No," said Emmet.

## IMPALED ON FENCE; DIES

Lawyer Drops Four Stories from Apartment Window.

Charles Levine Hepburn, a lawyer, with offices at 115 Broadway, died yesterday in Bellevue Hospital after either leaving or falling from a window in his apartment on the fourth floor of the Lexington apartments, at 144 East Twenty-second Street.

The lawyer was in poor health, his wife, who is Elizabeth Newport Hepburn, a writer, declared, and he had been worried because of business matters, but she said she did not believe he attempted suicide. She was in an adjoining room when Hepburn went through the window.

In falling he struck an iron picket fence and was impaled through one leg. He was hanging unconscious when the police found him and had him removed in an ambulance to Bellevue. He died late in the afternoon from internal injuries.

Osborne to Tell of Sing Sing. Warden Thomas Mott Osborne will speak at Cooper Union to-night, under the auspices of the Board of Education, on the conditions he found at Sing Sing and what he has accomplished and is trying to accomplish.

## SUMMER WAR ON RUM BY SUNDAY

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Silk Company. Although an American citizen, Mr. Barber was born and educated in England.

"Sunday would do a lot of good," he asserted. "Why shouldn't he? His humor is of the sort that the English mind can appreciate readily, and I do not believe he would have any difficulty in being understood. His appeal lies more in picturesque word-painting than in mere slang."

"I am sure that he could make good in England, whether in war time or not."

## JOE CASSIDY BUSY WATCHING ROLLER

Refuses to Take Part in Sing Sing Politics as He Sees Wheels Go Round.

"Curly Joe" Cassidy, former boss of Queens, it was announced yesterday, has refused to be drawn into the attempt of the "low brow" faction to impeach Mayor W. J. Cummins, former banker, of Sing Sing, who is the recognized leader of the "high brow" party.

Boscoe Lynch, leader of the "low brow" faction, insinuating Cassidy's administration, calculated that Cassidy, because of his knowledge of politics and the manipulation of conventions, would be of value if they could bring about a recall convention. When approached by a "low-brow" delegate and sounded on how he stood regarding Cummins, Cassidy was watching the steam roller at work. And that's no figure of speech.

The Mutual Welfare League, the inmate political body, has a steam roller. They hired it of one of the contractors in Ossining to roll down the lawn within the prison walls to put it in shape for outdoor sports.

"We get into that row" retorted the boss. "Not on your life. I'm out of politics." Cassidy shifted the conversation to the steam roller. He said he was sought particularly with a desire to get Burton W. Gibson, who broke away from the insurgents, back into the fold.

Interest in the threatened recall convention somewhat abated yesterday when Superintendent John B. Riley, former Senator Townsend and Judge McLean sat as the parole board. They granted fifteen inmates paroles, including, it is understood, John Vito and Frank Morrell, who were active in prison politics. Herbert Middlemiss withdrew his application and sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Justice Morschauser instead. The applicant has made a fuss because stenographic notes he took surreptitiously for spies shadowing former Warden Clancy were confiscated.

## Huerta, Unrecognized, Quits Before "Experience" Ends

Ex-Dictator Gets First View of American Play and Stays at Theatre Until Bed Time Call—Audience Annoyed by Party's Exit.

Victoriano Huerta did something last night he never did before. He went to see an American play. He sat huddled up inconspicuously in a box with a party of five friends, and stayed almost through to the end of "Experience," at the Casino.

Just before the last episode began the party rose and as quietly as a horse on a board walk stumbled out of the theatre in the dark, so that the former Dictator of Mexico could follow his invariable custom, as his spokesman said, and get to bed early.

As it was, Ratner was kept busy whispering and rasping in his ear, not only interpreting the English into Spanish, but explaining Hobart's lines to him. And then there were American allusions in a rushing flood of dialogue to add to poor Ratner's job of explanation. Perhaps it was the dropping of Ratner who advised a punctual retirement for bed.

Long before the first episode was

## BARS JAIL TO SUNDAY

Jersey Prison Board Rejects Plea for Talk to Convicts.

Billy Sunday is "a faker and insincere," his method "a money-making scheme" and his language "that of the New York slum" and "insulting," in the opinion of Richard F. Mattia, chairman of the Prisoners Committee of the Essex County Board of Freeholders, which yesterday refused a request to permit the evangelist to address the prisoners at the penitentiary in Caldwell.

The suggestion to have Mr. Sunday talk to the prisoners was made by Frank H. Syrett, of Montclair, and William A. Schneider, of Verona, who have charge of a Bible class at the penitentiary. Chairman Mattia was supported in his criticism of the evangelist by Director Walter A. Evans of the Board of Freeholders, and Freeholder Ernest Ryan. The Sunday methods did not appeal to any of the committee members.

Director Evans, recalling Mr. Sunday's address to the New Jersey Legislature at Trenton several weeks ago, said he had heard every word of it, and that in his opinion the preacher had made the most insulting remarks he had ever heard in public.

Referring to some of Sunday's utterances about crooks outside of jail, the Freeholders expressed the fear that the evangelist might make use of words to the prisoners that would tend to maintain the strict prison discipline. Sunday has frequently said there were worse crooks walking the streets than many of those in prison.

## WOMEN TO AID NEWSBOYS

Will Enter Field Against Men in Race for \$250,000 Fund.

Not to be outdone by the men who have announced their intentions of taking active part in the ten-day campaign to raise \$250,000 for the Newsboys' Home Club, Miss Anne Rhodes announced yesterday that she and her associates were organizing five teams of prominent women.

The women, Miss Rhodes also announced, scored first. While the campaign does not open until May 4, the Rev. William Montague Geer, vicar of St. Paul's Chapel, has forwarded a check, the size of which has not been made public.

The five women's teams will be headed as captains by Miss Elizabeth Peabody, Mrs. E. V. Vian, Mrs. Vivian Braund, Mrs. Roy Henry Fletcher, Miss Edith De Lima and Miss Dolly Kimbrough.

Among those who have consented to serve on the committee are Mrs. James B. Eustis, Mrs. Marcus M. Marks, Mrs. Eugene Grant, Mrs. William Tod Helmut, Mrs. Fitzhugh Porter, Miss Frances Kellor, Mrs. William Grant Brown, Mrs. K. W. Murray, Miss Florence Guernsey, Miss Rose C. Lyman, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Miss Edith De Lima, Mrs. Leonard Wyeth, Miss Ruth Wellington, Mrs. Norman Hagwood, Mrs. Arnold Knapp, Miss E. Goldman, Mrs. Roy E. Fletcher, Mrs. Louis W. Gay, Miss Florence Durstine, Mrs. John L. Adams, Mrs. O. S. Gabriel, Miss Dolly Kimbrough, Mrs. Katherine Carter, Miss Beatrice Brown and Mrs. Lillian P. Day.

El Paso, Tex., April 16.—From every Villa garrison in Northern and Western Mexico every man under arms is being rushed to-night on special trains and by forced marches to save the army of the north from overwhelming disaster at Celaya. Before to-morrow noon 40,000 additional Villa troops will be assembled at Irapuato to aid Villa in a new assault on the Carranza forces under Obregon.

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## Students Plan French Fete

A comedy, a short skit and a musical programme will be given on Tuesday evening in Earl Hall, Broadway and 117th Street, by La Societe Francaise, of Barnard and Columbia's organization of the same name.

The comedy is called "Le Serment d'Honneur" and the title role will be played by W. R. Ilsen, 17, who had the principal part in the recent German play, "Un Mariage Electrique" is the title of the shorter play.

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## VILLA ADMITS ARMY'S REPULSE BEFORE CELAYA

Says Lack of Ammunition Forced Retirement at Critical Time.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Juarez, Mexico, April 16.—In a personal message, received in Juarez to-night, General Francisco Villa admits that he has been forced to retire from the advanced positions his army had occupied before Celaya. Villa says his ammunition became exhausted and this forced him to cease fighting at a critical time.

General Obregon, Carranza commander, learned of the predicament of the Villa forces and took advantage of it, driving the Villistas several miles toward Irapuato.

Villa denies that he has met with real defeat, or has any idea of giving up the attempt to drive Obregon from Celaya.

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## BRYAN PASSES BY TURTLE BAY CASE

State Department Is Making No Direct Inquiry Into Situation.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, April 16.—No concern is felt in administration circles over the reports that a Japanese squadron has seized a permanent base at Turtle Bay, Lower California.

The question of a Japanese base on the Mexican coast is by no means a new one. The suggestion was advanced as early as 1912, and resulted in an inquiry by Secretary of State Knox, who reported that the Japanese Ambassador had informed him that reports that certain Japanese business men had obtained large land concessions in Mexico, along the Pacific Coast, with a view of turning them over later to the Mikado's government, were untrue.

Secretary of State Bryan said this afternoon that the State Department was making no direct inquiry into the situation at Turtle Bay. The Navy Department to-day instructed Rear Admiral Howard to furnish a report, but with that the State Department was not concerning itself.

Will Crown Mikado Nov. 10. Tokio, April 16.—The Cabinet to-day fixed November 10 for the coronation of E.peror Yoshihito. The ceremony was to have taken place last November, but a postponement was made necessary by the death of the Dowager Empress. The Diet already has appropriated 4,000,000 yen (\$200,000) for the expenses of the ceremony.

Lockwood Bill Hearing. Mayor Mitchell will hold a public hearing on the Lockwood-Ellenbogen bill, relating to overinspection of buildings, on Wednesday next.

After a number of amendments the bill recently passed the Senate and Assembly by a large majority. The executive committee of the conference committee of the Real Estate and Allied Organizations, in resolutions favoring the measure, requests that if the Mayor does not approve it he immediately return the bill without his approval, so that other action may be taken for relief before the Legislature adjourns.

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